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47 Fairchild, Troy E. (1874- 1899) Collection, Spanish- American War, 1897-1900
5 folders

INTRODUCTION

This is a collection of letters published in local newspapers from different members of the 20th regiment Kansas Infantry United States Volunteers (U.S.V.) during the Spanish - American War. Along with a book of newspaper clippings there is a Kansas Service Medal, Rifle practice medal, business card of Troy E. Fairchild, and a Roster of the Kansas 20th Infantry U.S.V.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Troy E. Fairchild Collection was purchased from Peg Smith in February 2010.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Troy E. Fairchild was born on January 6, 1874, in Hancock County, Illinois. He came to the McCune area of Crawford County in Kansas and served with the 20th regiment of the Kansas Infantry United States Volunteers during the Spanish-American War. Some sources state that Fairchild served in Company D while other indicate Company B. On 26 March 1899 Troy E. Fairchild was killed in action near Malolos, Philippines.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Troy E. Fairchild Collection consists of five folders. Folder 1 contains a book of newspaper clippings collected by his brother, Herbert Fairchild, of McCune, Kansas. The first half of the clippings consist of letters that Troy E. Fairchild wrote to his brother that were then passed to The Weekly Transcript of McCune, Kansas, for publication. These letters describe the transportation of the Brigade from Kansas to San Francisco, California, then from San Francisco to Hawaii, and from Hawaii to the Philippines. The letters and accounts are typical of field style writing; that is writing a few lines whenever opportunity allows and continuing later. Also included are Fairchild's obituary and memorial resolutions. The book contains several pages of pictures of the Philippines, including a photo of the Paco Cemetery, various pictures of Battery Knoll west of Paco, a picture of the Kansas Volunteers at work north of Manila, a captured Filipino cannon, and Filipino POWs. The remainder of the book contains letters from other members of the 20th whose letters, in turn, were published by different newspapers. All of the letters are from members of Company D. One letter from Dr. Charles Huffman describes the taking of the Bay of Iloilo after 27 days of fighting. Corporal F.A. Gerken describes the advance of Co. D to Malolos as a "hard advance" that started on March 24, 1899.

Folder 2 contains a Roster of the 20th Regiment, Kansas Infantry, U.S.V. The roster gives information on all of the different Companies. The last page of the roster covers the standing order for guard duties.

Folder 3 contains a Spanish American War Service Medal. This medal would have been presented to Fairchild's family posthumously since it was created by the State of Kansas in 1900.

Folder 4 contains a business card typical of what the members of the 20th regiment Kansas U.S.V. carried. This being one of Troy E. Fairchild's listing him with the 20th Company, 20th regiment, Kansas Infantry, U.S.V.

Folder 5 holds Troy E. Fairchild's Rifle Practice Medal from May 8th 1897 and a wooden bead of unknown origin.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Book of newspaper clippings and photographs
- f. 2 Roster of the 20th Regiment, Kansas Infantry, U.S.V.
- f. 3 20th Kansas Service Medal for the Spanish-American War
- f. 4 Business card of Troy E. Fairchild
- f. 5 Rifle Practice Medal and wooden bead

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